



Timberbank Times

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Principal's Message

Spring has arrived, yet our weather has certainly been very unpredictable this year. Please take a moment to review the morning weather report so that our students are dressed appropriately for outdoor play. As you know, March marks the arrival of Spring and we are all looking forward to better weather and more outdoor play.

It is hard to believe that there are only 3 months left of school and yet, we have so many great things to look forward to here at Timberbank. Our School Council is organizing its 4th Spring Fair that we hope will once again bring our community even closer together. Our students are eagerly preparing for our annual Spring Concert on April 30th. Along with this, our students have also been requested to perform for the TDSB Asian Elementary Celebrations in May. Timberbank continues to shine!

We also are working towards our Eco-certification for this year. Timberbank staff, students and the community are working hard to become more eco-conscious. Thank you for continuing to send in your milk bags. Don't forget to continue with our Eco-initiative of "Walking Wednesdays". It not only is good for the environment as students do not get dropped off by a vehicle, but it equally promotes healthy and active living. Our waste audit is next week and we're looking forward to seeing how well we do when it comes to composting and recycling.

Timberbank continues to be a busy place with many great activities for our students. Whether it be PALS Houseleague, Folkfest, Forest of Reading, Girls Club, Boys Club, Co-ed Volleyball, Minecraft Club, Robotics Club or EcoTeam, our hope is that there is something for everyone!

Remember, it takes a village to raise a child and together we can do it! For those celebrating Easter this weekend or next, Happy Easter!

Mrs. Anna Epitropou

Upcoming Dates

- April 3 Good Friday - No School
- April 6 Easter Monday - No School
- April 7 Waste Audit - Eco Team (pm)
- April 8 Wellness Corner
- April 15 Special Needs Folkfest Practice (am)
- April 17 Spring Community Clean Up (pm)
- April 20 Movie Night - 3:30pm
- April 21 7:30am Jordan Chat with Grade 6s
- April 23 Special Needs Folkfest Practice (am)
- April 24 Spring Fair Flyers due to the office
- April 27 School Council Meeting @ 6:30pm in the Library
- April 30 SPRING CONCERT @ 6:30pm
- May 4 Track and Field - Grade 1-6 students
- May 5 EQAO Parent Information Night @ 6:30pm in the Library

Spring



MOVE-A-THON

Annual Fundraiser

On Friday, February 27th, many of our students participated in our annual Move-a-Thon. We raised **\$4283.55**. Thank you Timberbank for supporting our fundraising efforts. The proceeds from our fundraiser will be used to:

1. Replace the playground structure for all of our community to enjoy
2. Provide enrichment activities such as special theatre presentations on bullying and character education

Congratulations to our grand prize winner, Aswin!

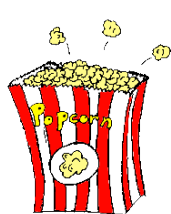


TIMBERBANK Community Spring Fair:

Mark the date on your calendar -

Saturday, June 13th from 11 am to 3 pm -

details to follow...



GIRLS CLUB

HELP CREATE AWARENESS

These people live in a third world country, and they need our help. HOW CAN YOU HELP? You can help by buying from our canteen so we can raise money for goats. This can help African countries to earn milk to drink and maybe...even feed new born babies. DON'T FORGET TO HELP CREATE AWARENESS! Make a change. Buy a yummy treat today.

WE DAY First, we went to We Day!

That was really fun

we HUNGER Second, the whole school participated in a food drive during halloween

Food Drive!

Oh and we raised a lot of money from the rafiki bracelets

Thankyou!

We started making a lot of progress by selling milk and cookies

Our goal was to raise enough money to buy 5 goats for Kenya so they can get milk but now we believe we can buy 20 goats with your help!

You can help by buying cookies in canteen, they are really yummy!

With your help we can reach our goal!

Staying "On T.R.A.C.K."

At Timberbank, we believe in having our students stay "ON TRACK". This recognition program raises awareness of each student's contribution to personal and social responsibility. Through our regular assemblies these qualities of character will be recognized and honoured.

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized for their "Cooperation, Commitment & Courtesy" and staying "On T.R.A.C.K.".

Mr. O'Connor's class - Aiden, Andrew, Leya, Nathaniel, Reena and Victoria

Ms Corrieri's class - Abira, Anjana, Asvitha, Bill, Hamsa, Vanessa and Zhen Yan

Ms Persaud's class - Angela, Felisha, Jason and Shane

Mr. Rands's class - Alex, Cici, Ilwad, James and Kyle

Ms Boulos's class - Arusan, Ashvin, Lucas, Provence and Tiffany

Mrs. Ball / Mr. Mirshahi's class - Aswin, Eddie, Felix and Joyce

Ms Namasivayam's class - Aatmayan, Jamie and Nadia

Ms Mourad / Ms Malkomkojian's class - Ivy, Kajally, Morsal, Olivia and Zaid

Mrs. Montgomery's class - Bonita, Glory and Mahdi

Mrs. Jeung's / Mrs. Kerr's class - Alexis, Athena, Olivia and Zoya

T- Teamwork and Trust

R- Respect and Responsibility

A- Attitude and Achievement

C- Cooperation, Courtesy and Commitment

K- Kindness and Keeping Safe

Gentle Reminders:

- **Vehicles dropping off** students need to be mindful of the crosswalk and clearly posted signage for NO Stopping. **Please do not do U-turns on Timberbank.** Take a moment and move down the street and make your turns safely. Always follow the posted speed limit. Attached to this newsletter is a list of Parking Regulations as provided by Toronto Police Services.
- **Yard Supervision** times are 8:30 to 8:45 am / 12: 25 to 12:35 pm / 3:25 to 3:40 pm. Students should not arrive earlier unless they are taking part in a supervised event. Students who go home for lunch are asked to return no earlier than 12:30 pm.
- **Hats, water and appropriate footwear** are recommended for play and gym class. All students are asked to have a pair of indoor and outdoor shoes.
- **Flu Season** is upon us. Please remember to wash your hands frequently and if you do not have a Kleenex then you can always do the "sleeve sneeze". Help prevent germs from spreading...



Kindergarten Registration Continues...please come see us in the Office

Please bring: A. Proof of Age (birth certificate/passport);

B. 2 pieces of identification that show your address;

C. Health card; and

D. immunization card (shows a list of the needles your child has had)



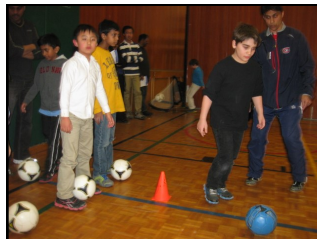
“Family Fun Night”

On Thursday, March 26th, we had our 2nd Family Engagement Night on **“Healthy Living & Healthy Eating”**. Our focus was on the Physical, Nutritional, Mental & Social health of our families. This theme was selected based on feedback from a previous parent survey.

At this event, parents & students had fun together as they rotated through a series of different stations. These sessions were full of activities for families to enjoy while learning valuable lessons related to healthy eating.

Take a look at all the fun we had... A big thanks to all our volunteers that evening and to May Cheung and her team from Public Health!!

- **ACTIVE STATION:** Parents & students get physical in either a soccer skills clinic or Just Dance 2015.



- **BRAIN STATION:** Your family will have fun as you compete together playing a variety of board games.



- **COOKING STATION:** Healthy eating was the focus of this hands-on workshop led by our public health nurses.



Kinder Scientists in Action

On Monday, March 30th, we learned about Simple Machines (Wheel & Axle, Inclined Plane, Lever, Gears, and Wheels) and how it helps us to do work easier. Here are some pictures of kinder scientists in action!



"I liked the bubble centre, because I can use tools to make bubbles"-Jiapeng



"There were things that were lighter and heavier. Find they went down the ramp. And the heavier one went further"- Matthew



Did you know that scissors have two simple machines, like a lever and a wedge?



"The wheels help things move faster"-
Haarini



"We did play dough. We used the roller but it didn't cut it. Then we used a pizza cutter. And then it was easier to use the pizza cutter to cut playdough because it has an edge"- Haidee



Staff Member of the Month!

Staff Member:

Ms. Namasivayam

Written By:

Gillian and Derek

1. What is your job? How long have you worked at Timberbank?

My job is a Grade one teacher. This
is my 2nd year at Timberbank.

2. What are some of your responsibilities for your job?

I teach my students Subjects
like Language Math and art.
I make my students Super Readers
and Super Writers.

3. What are some things that you like about your job?

I Love working with children and
helping them learn new things.

4. What's the hardest thing about your job?

The hardest part of my job
is when students don't
listen and are not responsible.

Move-a-Thon



Hear Ye, Hear Ye...Speech Arts

Congratulations to all the classroom finalists who presented their speech on Monday, March 9th, 2015. It was a tough decision, but the winners were:

1st place: Carolina whose speech was on "Prisoner Torture"

2nd place: Kate whose speech was on "Girls' Rights"

3rd place: Elbert whose speech was on "Access to Clean Water"



Working Hard & Having Fun Learning

